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SUBJ: VOLUNTARY VISITOR HANS GRUIJTERS

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 5612; (B) STATE 253670; (C) MARTIN/RICHARDS
TELECON OCT 19

1. EMBOFF MANAGED REACH MINISTER IN PARLIAMENT JUST BEFORE HE DEPARTED FOR US OCT 20. GRUIJTERS WAS TOLD THAT STATE/HUD WERE COOPERATING ON PROGRAM FOR HIM IN LINE WITH HIS WISHES (REF A) AND THAT HE COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE DETAILS AT HIS HOTEL (BELLEVUE STRAFFORD) IN PHILADELPHIA.

2. AS DISCUSSED IN TELECON WITH RICHARDS (REF C) EMBOFF TOLD MINISTER THAT IF IT WOULD BE ARRANGED, SCHEDULE WOULD HAVE HIM GO TO BOSTON ON OCT 26 AND ON TO SAN FRANCISCO LATE OCT 27 OR EARLY OCT 28. HE COULD THEN RETURN TO NEW YORK ON WEEKEND TO SEE NEW YORK SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN JUST BEFORE ELECTION DAY. HE AGREED THIS SEEMD TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF LIMITED TIME, BUT SAID HE WOULD BE FLEXIBLE ON ANYTHING WORKED OUT. REQUEST SUITABLE HOTEL RESERVATIONS BE MADE FOR GRUIJTERS FOR ALL STOPS EXCEPT PHILA.

3. FOLLOWING IS BIO DATA: J.P.A. (HANS) BRUIJTERS, MINISTER OF HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING. BORN JUNE 30, 1931, STUDIED PSYCHOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE AT AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY. A JOURNALIST, GRUIJTERS, HAS SERVED AS FOREIGN EDITOR OF "ALGEMEEN HANDELSBLAD", AND HAS WRITTEN FOR "HET PAROOL" AND "DE TELEGRAAF". GRUIJTERS HAS COVERED SEVERAL US ELECTION CAMPAIGNS FOR THE MAGAZINE "HAAGSCHE POST". HE IS A FORMER MEMBER
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OF THE AMSTERDAM CITY COUNCIL FOR THE LIBERAL PARTY AND WAS IN-

STRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING A NEW REFORM PARTY, D'66 IN 1966.
GRUIJTERS LATER SERVED IN PARLIMANET FOR D'66 AND BECAME MIN
OF HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING IN MAY 1973. HE IS VERY WELL
INFORMED ON HOKUSING AND URBAN PROBLEMS.
GRUIJTERS IS VERY KNOWLEGEABLE ABOUT THE US AND HAS BEEN A GOOD
FRIEND OF THIS EMBASSY.
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